

39. (Amehded) A system for automatic production of documentation for configurable computerized systems, comprising:

a) a collector computer program adapted to retrieve configuration parameters from at least one configurable system;

b) a documentation generator program, comprising:

a text template having place holders indicating placement of one or more configuration parameters;

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ii. a data parser in communication with said collector program, said parser adapted to parse said configuration parameters into associated values and merge said values into said template; and,

iii. an output module adapted to output said text template with said merged values to form [a document] the documentation or a portion thereof.

49. (Amended) A method for automatic production of documentation for configurable computerized systems, comprising the steps of:

a) coupling a computer with at least a portion of a configurable system via an Intranet;

b) retrieving configuration parameters having values associated therewith, from a configurable system into said computer;

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c) outputting explanatory text segments corresponding with at least one of said configuration parameters and the value associated with said parameter, to form [a document] the documentation or a portion thereof.

- 80. (Amended) A system for automatic production of documentation for configurable computerized systems, comprising:
 - a computer coupled to said configurable system via an Intranet;

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a collector program module operated on said computer and adapted to retrieve configuration parameters from at least one configurable system;

c) a documentation generator program module, comprising:

i. a text template having place holders indicating placement of one or more configuration parameters;

ii. a data parser in communication with said collector program, said parser adapted to parse said configuration parameters into associated values and merge said values into said template; and,

iii. an output module adapted to output said text template with said merged values to form [a document] the documentation or a portion thereof.

Please add the following claims

91. (New) A self documenting configurable system, comprising:

a) a plurality of text segments comprising explanatory text relating to said configurable system;

b) at least one software module constructed to merge a plurality of configuration parameter of said configurable system with related text segments, and output said text segment and configuration parameters to form a document specific to the instance of said configurable system.

92. (New) The self documenting configurable system of claim 91 wherein said software module is embedded within said configurable system.

93. (New) The self documenting configurable software system of claim 91 wherein said software module is constructed to be integrated into said configurable system while said configurable system is being executed by at least one computer.

94. (New) A method for automated production of documentation for configurable software system, having at least a portion of its behavior modifiable by configuration parameters stored in a computer accessible store, comprising the steps of:

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- a) embedding into said configurable system a software module constructed to merge configuration parameters and explanatory text segments thereof;
- b) retrieving configuration parameters having values associated therewith, from a configurable system into a computer;
- c) outputting explanatory text segments corresponding with at least one of said configuration parameters and the value associated with said parameter, to form a document describing specifically said configurable software system as configured.
- 95. (New) A self documenting configurable software system having configuration parameters stored in at least one computer data store, comprising:
 - a) a software module constructed to retrieve configuration parameters from said computer data store; and,
 - c) a software module constructed to merge text segments and said configuration parameters to produce a document containing specific to said configurable system, and output said document.
- 96. (New) A computer readable media containing software that when executed by a computer will cause said computer to substantially perform as the system of claim 36.
- 97. (New) A computer readable media containing software that when executed by a computer will cause said computer to substantially perform as the system of claim 78.

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Remarks

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